SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS DRAFT 2004 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVMENTS PROGRAM

NOTICE OF AVAILABLITY AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Southern California Association of Governments has prepared a Draft 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) in compliance with the U. S. Department of Transportation's Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, Metropolitan Planning Regulations and with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) -Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, published on August 15, 1997).

The 2004 RTIP is comprised of transportation projects for the six-county SCAG region: Imperial, Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura. The Draft 2004 RTIP consists of three volumes: 1) Executive Summary, 2) Project Listing (State, Local and Transit), and 3) Technical Appendix (Transportation Conformity Analyses and Financial Plan). The review period for the Draft 2004 RTIP begins on June 18, 2004 and concludes on July 19, 2004.

Public hearings are scheduled as follows:

June 21, 2004, 9:00 a.m.

MTA Gateway Headquarters Bldg. Board Overflow Room, 3rd Floor Los Angeles

June 28, 2004, 12:00 p.m.

Board Chambers, 1st Floor County of Riverside Administrative Center 4080 Lemon Street Riverside

July 9, 2004, 10:00 a.m.

Camarillo City Hall 601 Carmen Drive Camarillo

July 15, 2004, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

SCAG 818 West 7th Street, 12th Floor Los Angeles

June 23, 2004, 6:00 p.m.

Regional Council Imperial Valley Association of Governments (IVAG) 940 Main Street, Suite 208 El Centro, CA 92243

July 7, 2004, 9:30 a.m..

Norman Feldheym Library Mary Kellogg Room 555 6th Street San Bernardino

July 14, 2004, 1:30 p.m.

Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) 600 So. Main Street Orange Included in the public review and public hearings of the Draft 2004 RTIP are the Federal Fiscal Year 2005 and 2006 program of projects for projects funded with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds for all urbanized areas in the SCAG six-county region. The projects are listed in each respective county in Volume III of the Draft 2004 RTIP. The areas are as follows: El Centro, Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, Lancaster-Palmdale, Santa Clarita, Mission Viejo, Hemet, Indio-Cathedral City- Palm Springs, Temecula-Murrieta, Riverside-San Bernardino, Victorville-Hesperia-Apple Valley, Camarillo, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks urbanized areas.

The entire 2004 RTIP is available on the SCAG website at http://www.scag.ca.gov, beginning June 18, 2004. Copies are available for review at the SCAG office and at various public libraries throughout the region (library listing available on the SCAG website noted above). All comments must be submitted in writing to SCAG no later than (5:00 p.m.) July 19, 2004. Please direct all comments to:

Betty Mann Southern California Association of Governments 818 West Seventh Street, 12th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017-3435 Email: mann@scag.ca.gov,